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**Office Action Summary**

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RIBEIRO ET AL.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 15-26 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 and 27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments/Amendment***

1. Applicant's arguments/amendments received on November 30, 2005 have been carefully considered but they are not persuasive because the teaching of all the cited reference reads on all the rejected and amended claims as set forth in the pervious rejection. Therefore, the finality of this Office Action is deemed proper.

The Discussion of 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration filed on 11/30/2005 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is insufficient to overcome the Hong (US 2004/0209641) and Ballay et al. (US 2005/0085180) references.

The evidence submitted is insufficient to establish a conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the Hong and Ballay references. While conception is the mental part of the inventive act, it must be capable of proof, such as by demonstrative evidence or by a complete disclosure to another. Conception is more than a vague idea of how to solve a problem. The requisite means themselves and their interaction must also be comprehended. See *Mergenthaler v. Scudder*, 1897 C.D. 724, 81 O.G. 1417 (D.C. Cir. 1897).

Also, the evidence submitted is insufficient to establish diligence from a date prior to the date of reduction to practice of the Hong and Ballay references to either a constructive reduction to practice or an actual reduction to practice.

In this case, applicant does not submit a conception of the invention date and diligence from a date of this invention.

The applicant should prove the sufficient evidence of the invention to overcome previous rejection.

Applicant's attention is directed to the rejection below for the reasons as to why this limitation is not patentable.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1-7, 15-26, and 28** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hong (US 2004/0209641) in view of Ballay et al. (US 2005/0085180).

Regarding **claim 1**, Hong discloses that a handheld wireless communication apparatus (Fig. 2 and pages 1, paragraphs 5 – 6). Hong teaches that a first input device (71 in Fig. 4) carried on said housing (Fig. 4) (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including first input device). Hong teaches that a rotary shape input device (71 in Fig. 4) carried on said housing and adjacent to and encircling said first speaker device (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including a rotary shape input device carried on the housing and adjacent to and encircling the first speaker device). Hong teaches that a second input device (63 in Fig. 4) carried on said housing (50 in Fig. 4) (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including a second input device

carried on the housing). Hong teaches that a display (52 in Fig. 4) carried on said housing substantially in-between said rotary shape device (71 in Fig. 4) and said second input device (63 in Fig. 4) (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including a display device located between the rotary shape device and second input device). Hong teaches that a speaker (64, 72 in Fig. 4) carried in said housing adjacent to said second input device (63 in Fig. 4) (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including speaker located adjacent to the second input device).

Hong does not specifically disclose the limitation “a rotary input device carried on said housing and adjacent to and encircling said first input device”. However, Ballay discloses the limitation “a rotary input device carried on said housing and adjacent to and encircling said first input device” (Fig. 5 and pages 5, paragraphs 78 – pages 6, paragraphs 84, where teaches the housing having a rotary input device located adjacent to the encircling the input device). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Hong structure as taught by Ballay, provide the motivation to achieve an enhancing mobile service for efficient controlling input device in the wireless communication device.

Regarding **claim 2**, Hong discloses that the housing is an elongated housing, having a long dimension and a short dimension (Fig. 2, 4 and pages 1, paragraphs 25 – pages 2, paragraphs 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a long and short dimension).

Regarding **claim 3**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially linearly along said long dimension of said elongated housing (Fig. 4 and pages 1, paragraphs 25 – pages 2, paragraphs 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a long dimension that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially linearly along).

Regarding **claim 4**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially linearly (Fig. 4 and pages 1, paragraphs 25 – pages 2, paragraphs 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a long dimension that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially linearly along).

Regarding **claim 5**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claim 1. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that the display is adjacent to said rotary shape input device and adjacent to said second input device such that said display is arranged substantially in-between said rotary input device and said input device (Fig. 4 and pages 1, paragraphs 25 – pages 2, paragraphs 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a display device located between the rotary shape input device and the second input device).

Regarding **claim 6**, Hong discloses that the first input device is a keypad (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches the first input device number buttons).

Regarding **claim 7**, Hong discloses that the keypad includes a plurality of keys (71 in Fig. 4), wherein an outer set of keys of said plurality of keys include an arcade outer edge such that at least a portion of a perimeter of said keypad is in the shape of a circle (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches the first input device number buttons that a portion of a perimeter of the keypad in the shape of a circle).

Regarding **claim 15**, Hong discloses that a microphone disposed in said housing (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches the housing comprises microphone).

Regarding **claim 16**, Hong discloses that the microphone is disposed at an end of said housing distal from said speaker (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches the housing comprises microphone located in end of the housing).

Regarding **claim 17**, Hong discloses that the microphone is disposed in said housing substantially adjacent to said keypad (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches the housing comprises microphone located in end of the housing and neighboring to the keypad).

Regarding **claim 18**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 3. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that arranged horizontally, wherein information on said display, said first input device and said second input device are in a horizontal information orientation (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a short dimension that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially horizontally (could be used horizontally and this is well known art)).

Regarding **claim 19**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 3. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that information on said display, said first input device and said second input device are in a vertical information orientation (Fig. 4 and pages 1, paragraphs 25 – pages 2, paragraphs 31, where teaches mobile phone has a housing having a long dimension that the rotary shape input device, said display, and said second input device are aligned substantially linearly along).

Regarding **claim 20**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 18. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that a first input device (71 in Fig. 4) carried on said housing (50 in Fig. 4) adjacent to said keypad (Fig. 4) and at least partially circumscribing said keypad (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32, where teaches the housing having keypad and circumscribing said keypad). Hong teaches that an audio passage (speaker) carried on said housing adjacent to said second input device (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including speaker located adjacent to the second input device). Hong teaches that a speaker carried in said housing and acoustically coupled to said audio passage (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32, where teaches mobile phone has a housing including speaker for outputting the audio that located adjacent to the second input device).

Regarding **claim 21**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 3.

Regarding **claim 22**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 15.



Regarding **claim 23**, Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 20.

Regarding **claim 24** Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 18 and 20.

Regarding **claim 25** Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 18 and 20. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that at least one button is readable in said horizontal configuration and said at least one button is readable in said vertical configuration (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32, where teaches the display may be provided with a touch panel to substitute for the button that user pushes the button for displaying multimedia services or variable service).

Regarding **claim 26**, Hong discloses that speaker is disposed in said input device (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32).

Regarding **claim 28** Hong and Ballay disclose all the limitation, as discussed in claims 1 and 20. Furthermore, Hong further discloses that an elongated housing having a front surface (Fig. 4), a first end (60 in Fig. 4) and a second end (70 in Fig. 4) (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32). Hong teaches that a controller (inherently mobile phone has it) carried in said housing (Fig. 4), said controller coupled to said transceiver (inherently mobile phone has controller coupled transceiver, well known art). Hong teaches that a multi-key keypad carried on said front surface of said elongated housing adjacent said first end of said housing (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32). Hong teaches that multi-key keypad coupled to said controller (Fig. 1 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 - 32). Hong teaches that a speaker port (Fig. 5) on said front surface of said housing (Fig. 4),

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said speaker port adjacent said second end of said housing (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 – 32). Hong teaches that a speaker navigation (audio line) input located at the speaker port, the speaker navigation input coupled to the controller (Fig. 4 and pages 2, paragraphs 27 – 32, this is well known art, inherently, mobile phone has same structure).

Hong does not specifically disclose the limitation “the rotating input coupled to said controller”. However, Ballay discloses the limitation “the rotating input coupled to said controller” (Fig. 5 and pages 5, paragraphs 78 – 80, where teaches the rotating input interfaces with controller for operating input). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Hong structure as taught by Ballay, provide the motivation to achieve an enhancing mobile service for efficient controlling input device in the wireless communication device.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 8-14 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record fails to disclose “rotary input device encompasses said plurality of keys, such that said outer set of said keys are adjacent to said rotary input device wherein said rotary input device rotates around said keypad, and the keypad rotates to a first keypad orientation when said apparatus is in said horizontal configuration, and wherein said keypad rotates to a second keypad orientation for said

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apparatus in said vertical configuration” as specified in the claims.

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

***Conclusion***

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